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Assistant Director for Operations

Implementation of CIA Library Foreign Publications Branch

REFERENCE: FDD/CIA Library Agreement of 7 May 1953 by DD/I.

1. On my return from a field trip on 27 June, I found that some confusion had arisen over your attempt to transfer 13 positions and all 21 employees of your Documents Control Branch (T/O of 21) to assist in implementing subject branch library, and, at the same time, hold 8 of the 21 positions against which you proposed to recruit new employees to support the FDD screening function specifically referred to in paragraph 3a of reference memorandum.

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2. The basis of the confusion apparently stemmed from the belief that all of the functions of your Documents Control Branch were being transferred to the Library. As a result of conversations with the AD/CD, [REDACTED] of the DD/I's office, DAD/CD, and [REDACTED] of 25X1A9a OIC, it is believed that FDD's requirement for 8 positions to support the Screening function is now clearly understood.

3. At a meeting on 2 July in my office, attended by DAD/CD and DAD/OO, it was agreed that in view of the 30 June on duty personnel ceiling, it was no longer possible to release all 21 employees of the Documents Control Branch and that 13 non-screening positions and 13 non-screening employees only of the Documents Control Branch could be transferred to the Library.

4. From information offered by DAD/CD, it is my understanding that the CIA Library Foreign Publications Branch T/O calls for 26 positions (excluding the possible transfer of FPB and 21 positions from the Department of State) of which OCD had hoped to get 21 from FDD and 5 from other sources. As matters now stand it looks as though 13 employees and 13 positions from Documents Control Branch and 5 positions and employees from OCD for a total of 18 is the best we can do toward getting the Branch Library started. In view of the large amount of overtime spent in Documents Control Branch on screening, it is obvious that 8 positions is the very minimum you can carry on with.

5. It is requested that every effort be made to speed up the implementation of the Branch Library along the lines agreed to with DAD/CD this morning.

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